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Applicants provide the following comments regarding the documents:

Documents AH49, AI49, AA50, AC50, AE50 and AH50 were cited in an Office Action in co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/476,330, filed January 3, 2000, entitled, "Multi-Mode, Multi-Band Communication System," directed to related subject matter.

Document AB50 was cited in an Office Action in co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/567,963, filed May 10, 2000, entitled, "Frequency Synthesizer Using Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AD50, AF50 and AG50 were cited in an Office Action in co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/526,041, filed March 14, 2000, entitled, "DC Offset, Re-radiation, and I/Q Solutions Using Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AA51, AB51 and AA52 are co-owned patents which are directed to related subject matter.

Documents AC51 and AN58-AP58 were cited in an Office Action in co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/567,977, filed May 10, 2000, entitled, "Optical Down-converter Using Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AD51, AE51 and AF51 were cited in an International Search Report in PCT Appl. No. PCT/US02/35861, filed November 8, 2002, entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Reducing DC Offsets in a Communication System," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AG51, AH51, AK22-AM22 and AQ58 were cited in an International Search Report in PCT Appl. No. PCT/US01/15555, filed May 16, 2001, entitled, "Apparatus, System, and Method for Down-Converting and Up-Converting Electromagnetic Signals," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Search Report were U.S. Patent Nos.

4,888,557, 5,454,007, 5,640,698 and 5,705,949, and PCT Publication No. WO 96/02977, which have already been cited in the present application in the Information Disclosure Statement of January 11, 2002.

Documents AI51 and AJ23 were cited in an Invitation to Pay Additional Fees in PCT Appl. No. PCT/US01/43077, filed November 14, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Parallel Correlator and Applications Thereof," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AB52-AE52 were cited in an Office Action in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/986,764, filed November 9, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Reducing DC Offsets in a Communication System," directed to related subject matter.

The other documents listed do not fall into any of the above categories.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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